First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

"Follow Me"

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

June 21, 2015 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:
NCH *(Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")*
Sing! *(Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)*
ES *(Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invitation

All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak with the Pastor or any member of the Community.

Prelude Mi-Eun Kim

***Gathering Hymn** **"Clap Your Hands"** **49 SING** - Mi-Eun Kim

Welcome Donna Eyster

Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.
We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

****Please rise in body or spirit as you are able***

Announcements Donna Eyster

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ringing the Bell

***Hymn** **"We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"** **540 NCH**

Call to Worship (Unison) Donna Eyster

One: It is good to give thanks to God!
Come and make music to our Creator.
Many: God knows our troubles and remembers our needs.
Our prayers are answered and our hopes fulfilled.
One: Seek God's help in this sanctuary and take it to those in need.
Listen for the voice of God speaking to us again.
Many: God will respond when we call, if it is possible.
We will tell of that love and security to future generations.
We are ready – come and teach. Amen.

– Adapted From "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

LISTENING FOR GOD

Old Testament Reading Job 38:1-11 Donna Eyster

Hymn **"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"** **136 NCH**

Children's Time *children are invited to come forward*

New Testament Reading Mark 4:35-41 Carol Hall

Sermon **"Risky Faith"** Carol Hall

***Hymn** **"You Have Come Down to the Lake Shore"** **173 NCH**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People Carol Hall

All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time.
Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Traditional Version

Carol Hall

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

Prayer of Sending Forth - "I Believe"

I believe in the equality of all, rich and poor.
I believe in liberty.
I believe in humanity, and that through it
we can create unity.
I believe in the love within each of us,
and in the home, happy and healthy.
I believe in the forgiveness of our sins.
I believe that with divine help we will have the strength
to establish equality in society.
I believe in unity,
the only way to achieve peace, and
I believe that together we can obtain justice.

- Prayer of an Ayacucho Youth Group, Peru from *Let Justice Roll Down*

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison)

Donna Eyster

Christ walks with us through difficult days and sleepless nights. We give thanks for the church that proclaims this good news. The Holy Spirit meets u in our weakness with a love that will not let go. All this we want to share with the world. These moments of giving represent the commitment of our lives to God. Amen.

- Adapted from "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

Offertory

Mi-Eun Kim

*Doxology

"Take My Gifts" **562 NCH**

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!

Prayer of Dedication** ***(Unison) Donna Eyster

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. While we may not always understand your plan or your timing, we will always have faith in you. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love that endures forever. Amen.

– Adapted from "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

***Hymn of Departure** **"Drops of Water"** **60 ES**

***Benediction** Carol Hall

One: Share your faith with the world.
God will make of it more than you can imagine.
Many: We dare to speak of God's love.
We will seek to live out the love of Christ.
One: Hold true to your faith and share it this day and everyday….
And the people of God say**…. Amen.**

Postlude Mi-Eun Kim

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace *Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.*

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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Volunteers	Today: June 21st	Next Sunday: June 28th
Usher	Wayne Burling	Lyle Molter
Preaching	Carol Hall	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Donna Eyster	Ivan Harner
Worship Set-up	Donna Eyster	Margaret Harner
Acolyte	Hunter Turner	Desayre Penn
Friendship Time	Barb Garland	Melanie Harner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Please welcome Mi-Eun Kim as our substitute pianist while Steve is traveling.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's *address'*: *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and ***Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights*****,** or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/WICIR .

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition,** or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition).** In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: http://www.ypsiucc.org Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913 .

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